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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTERS

1. CAA RELEASED PRESS STATEMENT MARCH 8 ANNOUNCING THAT MOU ON ADVANCED BOOKING CHARTERS INITIALED BY US AND UK AND THAT AS RESULT SUCH CHARTERS MAY BE OPERATED FROM APRIL 1.

2. CAA PRESS STATEMENT READS IN PART AS FOLLOWS:
" ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTER FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES CAN NOW GO AHEAD FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR. A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN INITIALED BY THE UK AND US GOVERNMENTS WHICH WILL ALLOW CHARTER TRAFFIC TO FLOW UNDER THE RULES OF THE ORIGINATING COUNTRY. THIS MEANS THAT CHEAP ABC FLIGHTS WILL NOW BE AVAILABLE IN THIS COUNTRY TO ANYONE WISHING TO BOOK IN ADVANCE FOR TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES, ON EXACTLY THE SAME TERMS AS THOSE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED FOR TRAVEL TO CANADA AND THE CARIBBEAN AREA... THE AUTHORITY REGRETS THAT THE UNITED STATES CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD WAS UNABLE TO AGREE TO THE INTRODUCTION THIS SUMMER OF FULLY COMPETITIVE APEX (INDIVIDUAL ADVANCE BOOKING) FARES AND PART- CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS ON NORTH ATLANTIC
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SCHEDULED SERVICES. THE AUTHORITY WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF FARES AND ARRANGEMENTS ON THESE LINES IN TIME FOR THE SUMMER OF 1974, AT LEVELS WHICH WILL BE BOTH COMPETITIVE AND REMUNERATIVE. MEANWHILE, IN THE ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES ON NEW FARES, THE ONLY PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE IS FOR EXISTING FARES TO REMAIN IN FORCE (SUBJECT TO ANY ADJUSTMENTS THAT MAY BE AGREED ON ACCOUNT OF CHANGES IN EXCHANGE RATES); THIS HAS BEEN AGREED WITH OTHER EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS. BECAUSE OF THE DELAYS WHICH HAVE UNFORTUNATELY OCCURRED IN ESTABLISHING THE ABC RULES FOR TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES, LITTLE TIME IS NOW LEFT FOR FIRM BOOKINGS TO BE MADE FOR FLIGHTS THIS SPRING. ACCORDINGLY THE RULES APPLICABLE TO THE UNITED STATES WILL NOW PROVIDE FOR AN ADVANCE BOOKING PERIOD OF 15 DAYS FOR TRAVEL BEGINNING IN APRIL, 30 DAYS FOR TRAVEL IN MAY, AND 60 DAYS FOR TRAVEL IN JUNE. THE FULL 90 DAY ADVANCE BOOKING PERIOD WILL APPLY TO TRAVEL BEGINNING AFTER JULY 1 AND TO ALL TRAVEL BEGINNING IN THE UNITED STATES..."

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